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A MILITARY INDEPENDENCE DAY

INDEPENDENCE day should be celebrated in a manner that will not provide a cloak for enemy firebugs who could easily take advantage of the miscellaneous discharge of fireworks to do incalculable harm. It would suit the taste of German irreconcilables to pose as noisy patriots and set fires and explode bombs under cover of a general indulgence in displays of fireworks. New York City still remembers the Chinese New Year about fifteen years ago when two men were shot in Chinatown streets under cover of a discharge of fireworks. The Celestials were then indulging in a little tong war amongst themselves, but German spies would fight Americans in the same way if they had the chance to start conflagrations by similar tactics, says the New York Commercial.

Hundreds of thousands of soldiers are in training throughout the country. The war department could easily make arrangements for fitting celebrations of Independence day in the vicinity of New York City and at other points where soldiers are encamped, which could stir the military ardor of the people and be highly instructive. Sham battles and exhibitions of military maneuvers with plenty of firing and military band music would be appreciated far more than any possible display of fireworks. At night the artillery could give a magnificent display of star shells, signal rockets, flares and other methods of disclosing the movement of the enemy, just as they are used in actual war.

Stop the indiscriminate sale of firecrackers, fireworks and explosives, and give the public military displays in keeping with the war work which is the first business of the nation. This is not a year for festivals to mark the birth of a nation, but for stern reminders of what we have before us. We are just beginning to fight for freedom for the whole world as our forefathers devoted themselves to the task of liberating America on July 4, 1776.

STEP FORWARD AND BE COUNTED

THE other morning we went down to the depot, hundreds of us, to bid some of our brave boys goodbye. We waved flags and cheered and wept as they left us. And then most of us went home and forgot all about them. True, they are going to fight for us! True, they may be wounded and they may die for us! And the only thing in the world we can do for them is to make the bandages and the hospital supplies they are surely going to need. But do we do it? We do not!

Do our hearts function only when bands are playing and flags waving? It would seem so when only a handful of women are working at the Red Cross. Every day machines are idle there that should be working busily. Every day tables are empty in the surgical dressings department. And every day you see the same faces there, the same devoted women holding the fort as best they can and praying for reinforcements. What is the matter, men and women of Tonopah? We stand together on this, as on every other human issue. Men must be willing to sacrifice, some home comforts that their wives may do their part. Not only must they be willing, they must be glad, to do this, and they must let their wives and their friends know that they are proud of what their wives do.

A slacker is a slacker, whether man or woman, and no more contemptible object exists on earth today, not even excepting a child-killer of Germany, than the persons who refuse to do their part to the utmost for their country and their God.

ORE MEASURES MAY BE CONTINUOUS

THE intensity of effort that is being put forth to bring the Gold Mountain, or Divide, section of the Tonopah district into productivity augurs well for this city, which has for more than a decade and a half been a consistent and steady producer, adding more than one hundred millions of dollars to the wealth of the world.

The mere fact that the five miles intervening between the Gold Mountain developments and the most southeasterly of the Tonopah ore exposures, is covered by wash or drift, is not conclusive evidence that the ore measures are not continuous between the two points. In fact there is reason to believe that they are. As soon as further progress is made at Divide and a line may be had on the trend of the ore bodies, it would be very opportune to start heavy work on the midway locations and thus prove up the continuity. In so doing several decades might be added to Tonopah's history as a profitable producer.

WHO SECONDS THE MOTION?

THE war has been brought nearer to us by the revelations of Sergeant-Major Stancelsaus and we are beginning to see red. With what manner of foe are we engaged in combat? A race that produced a Wagner, a Goethe, score after score of idealists in art, could not in the wildest and widest of dreaming have been conceived as a race of pitiless demons, lost to every human trait, eager to obey every mandate issued by the Beast of Berlin before his lips had framed it.

Every German in the United States should at this time disclaim any binding tie with his fatherland and make open declaration of his loyalty to the United States and his willingness to give his life and his property for freedom. Let there be a meeting of all Tonopahs of German birth and have proper resolutions engrossed and subscribed to, so that we may know that these people among us are our people or —

WHY IT IS FINISH FIGHT

GERMANY is trying to drive Holland into the war for the purpose of using her ports as naval bases. If the Dutch side with Germany they will lose their colonies, the richest overseas possessions owned by any country except England. If they refuse to bow their necks to the German yoke they will have to flood their country with sea water and impair its fertility for years in order to resist invasion. Germany may get Holland, but not her colonies. Java and Sumatra are the strategic key of the Far East

just as Ireland commands the sea routes to northern Europe. With Ireland and the Dutch East Indies in her possession Germany would rule the eastern hemisphere and overshadow the Americas. Her treatment of Holland adds another cause to our reasons for fighting this war to a finish.

GOVERNMENT TO BE PURCHASER OF WHEAT SURPLUS

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, May 2.—Recommendations that the government purchase that part of the 1918 wheat crop which dealers are unable to sell and that force movement of all kinds of grain from producers to dealers be allowed, were made to the United States food administration by representatives of all branches of the country's grain handling business here yesterday. The recommendations drafted by a committee representing a committee of 200 delegates from grain centers, holding a two-day conference with Julius Barnes, president of the food administration grain corporation, were declared to express the opinion of the trade as to the best method of handling the 1918 crops.

E. C. Elkenberry, of Camden, O., president of the Grain Dealers' National association, who headed the committee which prepared the report, said it is essential, in view of the fact that the government has fixed the price of wheat and has limited ownership and storage of coarse grains to sixty days, that steps be taken to assure expeditious movement of the current season's crops and to encourage heavy planting next season, as a "win the war" policy.

The committee's report urged that dealers be allowed to accumulate reserve stocks of grains in terminal elevators to meet transportation and weather emergencies and that sale of wheat and coarse grains in open market be permitted.

A majority of the dealers, led by C. B. Pierce of Chicago, expressed dissatisfaction with the food administration's sixty-day limit on ownership and storage of grains. Mr. Barnes replied that the object of the regulations was to insure steady flow of grain to American trading centers to United States troops abroad and to the allies, and asked the conferees if they would prefer a policy of requisitioning to that of restricted storage.

MANUFACTURING GUNS ON A VAST SCALE

(By Associated Press)

BIRMINGHAM, England, May 2.—One factory making small arms here for the British fighting men has a capacity approaching a million rifles and 500,000 machine guns yearly. It employs 10,000 men, women and boys. Many of its arrangements for the welfare of the workers are attributed to the fact that the managing director of this firm is an American, Percy Martin of Columbus, Ohio.

The factory has a canteen where 5000 dinners are served daily to the men and women workers. The whole upper floor of one vast building is taken up by this department and here the men obtain meals of meat and vegetables for 18 cents, a remarkable figure when the present prices in England are taken into consideration, while for another 3 cents pudding or fruit may be obtained. The women, girls and boys, who are served in separate dining rooms are charged but 12 cents for the same meal. The health of the workers is one of the first considerations.

ANOTHER CALL MADE

WASHINGTON, May 1.—A call has been issued for 8985 additional draft men. They will be mobilized on the 16th and sent to various institutions for a mechanical course.

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MONTANA ADOPTS A NO-FOOLING SYSTEM

(By Associated Press)

HELENA, Mont., May 2.—What is considered in this region to be the most sweeping order yet issued by a state council of defense, became effective in Montana this morning. The order abolishes the use of the German language in pulpits and in public and private schools. German text books have been ordered out of the schools and public libraries. Other specified books have been placed under the ban.

Every man in Montana, who is physically able, must find work. He must keep busy at least five days a week—no matter whether he is a millionaire, or a pauper.

Persons who refuse to work will be arrested and charged with vagrancy. Sedition, disloyalty, sabotage, failure to observe conservation orders and anti-war activities generally will be vigorously prosecuted, officials assert. Plans have been completed to assist government agents in every way and to aid the government when cases are to be handled by federal officials.

The council of defense has instructed John G. Brown of Helena, its specially appointed prosecutor, to see that its orders rigidly are enforced.

Governor Sam V. Stewart, chairman ex-officio of the state council of defense, gave this statement to the Associated Press: "There shall be no temporizing with treason in Montana. Every copperhead who lifts his head will lose it."

REDMEN ENTITLED TO AN HONOR FLAG

(By Associated Press)

DEADWOOD, S. D., May 2.—Loyalty of the Indians on Crow Creek reservation in South Dakota was emphasized during the early days of the Liberty loan campaign when Major William Hawgood of the reservation, announced that the tribesmen had gone over the top in the subscription for bonds. Major Hawgood said the redmen were entitled to an honor flag.

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PARISIANS DIG IN TO ESCAPE SHELL

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, May 2.—Parisians are "digging in" to avoid the bombs of the German air-raiders. Trench shelters, it is announced, will be constructed along the Champs Elysees, in the Bois de Boulogne, in the Bois de Vincennes and in all the public squares.

These are intended as refuges for persons in quarters where strongly vaulted cellars are not accessible. Their construction will give the people of the French capital more than ever the conviction that Paris is now a part of the heroic front.

More than 3000 cellars already are in use as places of refuge during air-raids and the authorities have given their approval of them as safe even if the houses over them should be destroyed by airmen's bombs. Some of these cellars shelter as many as 100 persons. Many of them are connected with another cellar by a passage so as to afford an exit if flooded by broken water pipes or filled with gas from broken gas mains.

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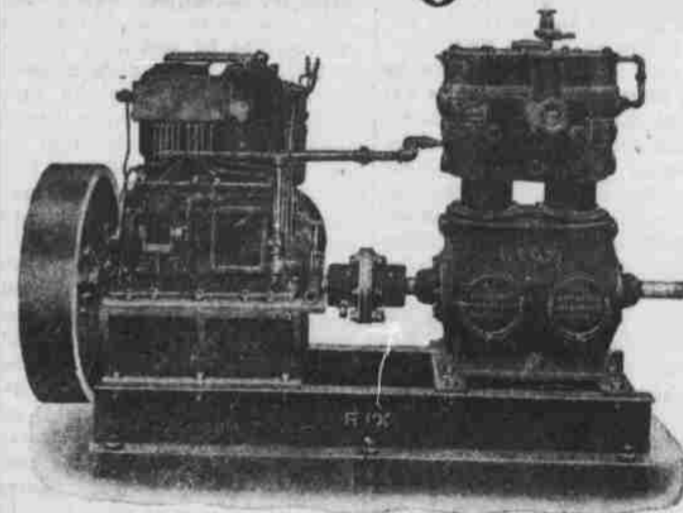
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